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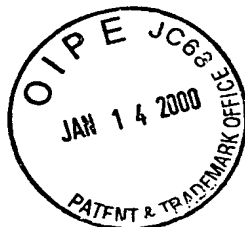
In re PATENT APPLICATION OF

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Appln. No.: 09/215,257

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
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Sir:

Attached is a Form PTO-1449 listing the enclosed documents.

**Contingent Request under Rule 97(c):** Should a first action on the merits have been issued on the same day or before this IDS is filed, please accept this IDS under Rule 97(c) and charge the requisite Rule 17(p) fee to our Deposit Account No. 03-2975 under Order No. 20263/256628 proceed to consider this IDS.

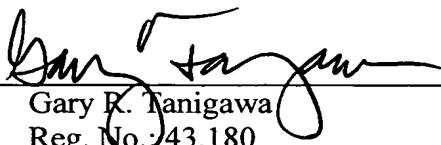
**Contingent Petition under Rule 97(d):** Should a Final Rejection or Notice of Allowance have been issued on the same day as or before the filing date of this IDS, please consider this a Petition under Rule 97(d), charge the petition fee to our Deposit Account No. 03-3975 under Order No. 20263/256628, and proceed to consider this IDS under Rule 97(d).

This Information Disclosure Statement is intended to be in full compliance with the rules, but should the Examiner find any part of its required content to have been omitted, prompt notice to that effect is earnestly solicited, along with additional time under Rule 97(f), to enable Applicant to comply fully.

Consideration of the foregoing and enclosures plus the return of a copy of the herewith Form PTO-1449 with the Examiner's initials in the left column per MPEP 609 along with an early Action on the merits of this application are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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